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## GARRANZA SAYS HE DIDN'T O. K. PEACE MESSAGE

Repudiates Report That He Would Retire in Favor of Gutierrez.

### U. S. CONSUL FEARS BIG BATTLE IS NEAR

Villa Said to Be Advancing Troops in Violation of Peace Pact.

Washington, Nov. 18.—General Carranza has repudiated the telegram sent for him by General Pablo Gonzalez to General Gutierrez in which the first chief was represented as saying he would retire. This was announced today in an official despatch from American Consul Silliman.

Carranza declared he had been misunderstood. In the telegram Gonzalez said on behalf of Carranza, the first chief was described as ready to resign if he and Villa relinquished their commands and met in Havana not later than Nov. 25.

No mention was made of the man to whom the executive power was to be delivered and Carranza says he never intended to resign in favor of Gutierrez.

While American Consul Silliman reported that great efforts were being made to patch up the difficulties through intermediaries, other official advisers say big troop movements were under way and that a battle was imminent north of Mexico City where the Villa troops were now advancing southward.

Mexico City, Nov. 18.—General Alvaro Obregon, who yesterday assumed command of the capital and of the Federal district, last night received a telegram from General Pablo Gonzalez in which the latter declared that General Villa by advancing his troops southward had repeatedly broken the true agreement entered into on Nov. 13 between General Gonzalez and Provisional President Gutierrez. General Obregon concluded his message with the following:

"For my part I believe that I have complied with my duties as a soldier and a citizen. I have tried to avert the shedding of blood which the enemy appears to desire and the war which we are obliged to prosecute with all vigor, forthwith is justified by the unworthy conduct of our opponents."

A large body of troops belonging to General Obregon's division arrived here last night from Tlaxcala, 20 miles southwest of Guadalupe.

General Alvarado, post commander, denied a statement which he declared that General Villa is a greater enemy to the cause of Mexican democracy than was General Huerta, and has forced an unnecessary civil war on Mexico.

It is reported here that General Carranza will move his capital to Vera Cruz immediately upon the evacuation of that city by the Americans.

## GEN. CARRANZA DIES IN MEXICAN BATTLE

Washington, Nov. 18.—General Jose Carranza, a Carranza chief, was killed in an engagement near Puerto Mexico, yesterday when with his troops, he joined Villa forces and attacked General Jesus Carranza, a brother of the constitutionalist first chief.

## TILYOU UNCERTAIN AS TO FUTURE OF STEEPLECHASE IS.

George G. Tilyou, the Coney Island amusement promoter who is also president of the Bridgeport Steeplechase Co., stated today that he doesn't know what will be done with Steeplechase Island. Mr. Tilyou came to this city to testify in the suit brought by the Bridgeport Steeplechase Co. against B. A. Murphy, who had the merry-go-round concession at the island.

"I'm not sure just when my lease runs out," declared Mr. Tilyou.

It was suggested that the lease expire next year.

"I couldn't say regarding that," replied Mr. Tilyou. "I haven't any plans yet for the island. I haven't given it a thought."

Mr. Tilyou was then asked about the rumor that another amusement company would lease the island. He declared he had nothing to say about this.

### JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT.

Judge Scott of the common pleas court handed down a decision today in a suit brought by William Apit of Stamford against John J. Looney of Stamford. The court finds in favor of Looney. The action was brought to recover on a note but the court found there was a defect in the papers.

### LAKE WILL LECTURE.

There is a rare treat in store for all who attend the lecture to be given tomorrow, Thursday evening, at the First M. E. church, corner Broad Street and Fairfield avenue, as the lecturer, Mr. Simon Lake of the famous Lake submarine boats has graciously consented to give his illustrated lecture on "Submarine Boats and their work" for the Men's Brotherhood at 8 o'clock sharp.

S. B. Chapman & Co. of New York purchased a seat for the New York

## BURGLARS TOTE SAFE TO CELLAR—AND THEN GET \$68 FOR TROUBLE

Norwich, Conn., Nov. 18.—Burglars broke into the store of R. F. Smith during the night and rolled a small safe from the office to an elevator in the back room, lowered it by means of the elevator to the cellar where they smashed it open with a sledgehammer. They got \$68 for their trouble.

## HOSPITAL FUND IS NEARING \$30,000 MARK SECOND DAY

With the full strength of practically all the thirty-five members of the army of workers in the St. Vincent's Hospital Fund-Raising Campaign started out this morning on the second day of the eleven days' campaign to raise \$100,000. The fund stood at \$28,274.75 at 8 o'clock this morning.

With only little more than half of the teams reporting last night, it was found that \$1,674.75 had been raised during the first day. An excellent showing, the managers said. A number of the captains did not report last night, as their teams had not been completely organized and they preferred to withhold the contributions sought as individuals until tonight when the total will be credited to the team's score. Therefore, the collections for the first day will be much in excess of \$1,674.75, it is believed.

St. Vincent's Hospital Fund-Raising Campaign. The fund stood at \$28,274.75 at 8 o'clock this morning follows:

Banquet pledges ..... \$26,600.00  
M. H. Ford ..... 500.00  
St. Vincent's Hospital Nurses and Employees ..... 300.00  
Rev. John F. Murphy ..... 100.00  
Other contributions in team reports ..... 974.75

Grand total ..... \$28,274.75

The workers will report at 6:30 tonight in the big hall in the Poli building, when another delicious supper will be served to the 350 or more workers.

## REFORM SCHOOL BURNS; 10 DIE

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 18.—Ten inmates of the state reform school at Marianna, Fla., are reported to have lost their lives today in a fire which destroyed the institution.

## RENEW FIGHT TO BREAK WILL OF MRS. BAILEY

Fight was renewed today in the supreme court at White Plains, N. Y., by George E. Hutchinson of this city for an equal share with her two brothers and sister in the four million dollar estate of her sister the widow of J. A. Bailey, Barnum's former partner in the gigantic circus enterprises.

The case which went to trial before a jury last April was decided in her favor but the decision was later set aside and the case remanded upon the ground that the verdict did not follow the evidence submitted.

Mrs. Hutchinson contended that the showman's widow was unduly influenced against her. She is the mother of Charles and Fred Hutchinson, both well known in the circus world and makes her home at 65 Elmwood avenue, Bridgeport.

### SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE PROMOTER WILL SPEAK HERE

To drive home the idea that American factories are to be kept running the greater part of the time they have got to develop an overseas trade, William A. Reid of Washington, D. C., will address the Board of Trade at its rooms in the Newfield building, Friday night. His subject will be "South American Business Opportunities, or Twelve Years With the Latin Americans."

The Board of Trade in introducing Mr. Reid to its members states that he is associated with the Pan-American Union and that he has seen foreign service under three governments, the United States, the Chinese and the Bolivian.

It is hoped by the Board of Trade that the story of Mr. Reid will be of interest and benefit to manufacturers who have the energy and ability to go after foreign trade, and hold it.

### POSTAL MONEY ORDER EXCHANGE WITH PORTUGAL IS NO LONGER EFFECTIVE

Notification was made at the postal money order division of the local post office this morning, that no orders would be drawn upon or cashed from points in Portugal, formerly within the international postal union. This order transmitted from the general post office at Washington followed a similar notification from Portugal that they would not accept and pay money orders drawn upon them.

## A. C. WHEELER IS LARGEST DONOR TO G. O. P. FUND

Manufacturer's Contribution of \$2,900 Disclosed in Report of Treasurer.

### D. H. WARNER GIVES MODEST SUM OF \$500

Names of King and Lavery Are Conspicuous by Their Absence From Contributors.

Archer C. Wheeler, treasurer of the Fairfield Rubber Co., living at 300 Golden Hill street, and son of the late Nathaniel Wheeler was the largest contributor to the Republican campaign fund at this election. Mr. Wheeler, heretofore unknown in Republican politics, gave \$2,900. He took the place of De Ver H. Warner, who last year gave \$500; this year Mr. Warner gave \$500.

Mr. Wheeler has never held any office under the city government and until this campaign has never been a large contributor to the campaign. The return filed by William E. Seely, treasurer of the Republican party in the town clerk's office today shows there is a deficit of \$448.88 which is not quite explained in the list of contributors which Mr. Seely has submitted.

This list shows that the total amount received this year was \$7,763.33. From collections there was \$7,644.50. The balance left from last year's fund was \$119.43. Of this \$7,763.33 has already been expended leaving a balance of \$144. There are bills not rendered amounting to \$556.25 and the deficit of \$448.88.

According to the return filed with the town clerk, John T. King, the leader of the Republican party in this town, did not contribute to the campaign expenses.

Neither did Albert E. Lavery, secretary of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. and former committeeman from the Third ward. Mr. Lavery, who is now in the disbursement of cash no money was given the chairman of the Second district. Other districts received the following amounts: First, \$100; Second, \$119.43; Fourth, \$119.43; Fifth, \$119.43; Sixth, \$119.43; Seventh, \$119.43; Eighth, \$119.43; Ninth, \$119.43; Tenth, \$119.43; Eleventh, \$119.43; Twelfth, \$119.43.

Mr. Seely's report shows that \$627 was spent for advertising, \$1,000 for automobiles and horse hire, \$766.35 for clerk hire, \$361 for hall rent and refreshments, \$1,000 for election day, \$119.43 for postage, \$388.08, \$119.43, and for old bills, \$583.93.

T. E. Steiber, S. E. Beardsley, F. W. Behrens, J. W. Birdseye, F. L. Bradbury, J. C. Brainerd, E. C. C. Baker, H. O. Cram, Loren DeBridt, Daniel Della, George C. Edwards, Robert Flannery, E. A. Godfrey, Henry Greenstein, O. W. Haggerty, George S. Hill, H. C. Ives, F. D. Keeler, A. F. Langston, E. L. Lieberman, H. R. Parrott, J. Schmitt, R. Sheridan, Thomas P. Smith, A. H. Terry, S. E. Vincent, Lucien T. Warner, Arthur Wilkes, C. E. Winton each gave \$25.

Other large contributors were: D. H. Warner, \$500, and N. W. Bishop, \$250.

The following gave \$100 each: F. A. Bartlett, A. L. DeLaney, S. E. Hawley, Paul L. Gulliver, Simon Pease, Joseph Schultz, Carl F. Simon, H. C. Godfrey, W. H. Conley, gave \$50; F. M. Wilder, 75; John P. Gray, \$60.

The following gave \$50 each: A. B. Beers, A. E. Canfield, Howard Clark, A. F. Connor, Fred E. Egan, H. C. Godfrey, Frank J. Hughes, J. W. Knowlton, George Melius, A. J. Merritt, W. E. Seely and H. W. Walker.

## FRATERNITY ASKS FURTHER PROBE OF MEMBER'S DEATH

As a result of the agitation started by members of the St. Ladislau Hungarian Slek Benefit society, Coroner General Mumford has ordered an autopsy on the body of Stephen Molnar, who was found burned to death in a vacant lot back of the South End plant of the Crane Valve Co.

Officers of the society including Andrew Barnum, of 51 Belmont street, president of the society; Stephen Varso, of 55 Howard avenue, treasurer; and Peter Gondos, Fairfield avenue and Burr Road, secretary, called on the coroner today and asked him to establish for a certainty that Molnar did not commit suicide. He is survived by a widow and three year old son.

Under the regulations of the society he will receive \$500 provided he died by accident. If he died by his own hand he will receive nothing.

### LAMAR WITHDRAWS "NOT GUILTY" PLEA

New York, Nov. 18.—Counsel for David Lamar withdrew this forenoon the plea of not guilty to two of the three indictments against Lamar charging him with impersonating members of Congress in an attempt to defraud Wall Street financiers. Instead of the plea, demurrers were interposed. Federal Judge Sessions announced that he would hear argument on the demurrers this afternoon.

Detective George F. Simon is mourning the loss of his valuable Alforda terrier, which disappeared yesterday while with its master in the vicinity of Pine Rock park.

## MORGAN FREED; FLAGG'S TRIAL VINDICATED HIM

Prosecutor's Motion to Quash Indictment Against Bridgeporter Is Granted.

### "GOOD NEWS" ONLY COMMENT FROM HIM

Former U. S. Treasurer and Six Associates Are Absolved From Blame.

New York, Nov. 18.—The indictment charging Daniel N. Morgan, former treasurer of the United States, and six others, with using the mails to defraud stock investors, in connection with the operations of Jared Flagg, was quashed today upon motion of the United States district attorney that the testimony at Flagg's trial showed he Mr. Morgan and his six associates were not guilty.

Flagg was sentenced yesterday to eighteen months' imprisonment after being found guilty on six counts. He immediately took an appeal for a new trial on a writ of error.

Hon. D. N. Morgan was at his home in this city today but declined to make any comment upon the action of the court except to say that it was "good news."

There has been no doubt in the minds of Mr. Morgan's many friends here at any stage of the proceedings, but that the final adjudication of the case would show that he had not lent himself to any irregularities that might have been practiced by some of the men connected with the brokerage concern headed by Flagg, which operated a pooling system for the buying and selling of stocks as one of the adjuncts of the scheme.

The stationary of the concern intended for the legitimate business of the concern bore the names of Mr. Morgan and his associates, and was pressed into service by the wing of the concern which went into mail order business, and undoubtedly used some flowery advertising that was not in conformity with the postal laws.

The use of the names of the prominent men lent strength to the scheme, and today the pinch came all were drawn into the net by that part of the concern that made promises that the Federal authorities thought could not be kept.

## CHIEF OF STAFF HOLDS BIG ARMY MUST BE RAISED

Impossible to Defend Panama Canal With Present Force, He Says.

### 205,000 REGULARS SHOULD BE IN FIELD

General Wotherspoon Presents Plan For Increasing Reserve Corps.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Declaring it would be impossible to defend the Panama Canal and American territory in the vicinity of Flock and the forces formerly near Wloclawek are now near Cuno and Leschytso.

During the continuation of operations of the Germans today it was of the great importance for the German troops from the region of Soldin to make further progress against the right wing of the main Russian army.

If the Russians intend to retire behind the Vistula, such a retreat would be extremely bad conditions of the roads, would be most difficult; consequently the Russians probably will prefer to make a definite stand when German and Austrian forces attack.

According to a statement given out in Vienna the fortress of Przemysl now being besieged by the Russians, is provisioned for twelve months.

### BRITISH

London, Nov. 18.—The official information bureau today gave out a statement as follows:

"Our third division was subjected yesterday to a heavy attack first from artillery and then from infantry, the brunt of both falling upon two battalions of the division. These were shelled out of their trenches and recovered after a brilliant counter attack which drove the enemy back in disorder for some five hundred yards."

"During the day an attack was made also on a brigade of the second division. This time the enemy were repulsed with heavy loss."

## PIONEER DAYS AT STEEPLECHASE ARE RECALLED IN COURT

Early Settlers on the Amusement Resort On Stand—Captain Boynton a Witness.

The stories of pioneers who hauled lumber across the sands to build cottages at Steeplechase Island were related in the common pleas court today when the suit of the Bridgeport Steeplechase Co. against B. A. Murphy was continued before Judge Scott and a jury. It is alleged that Murphy failed to pay rent due for the merry-go-round concession but Murphy claims he lost \$2,000 when the company opened the drawbridge and prevented him from moving his apparatus from the island.

Various witnesses for the Steeplechase Co. were introduced to prove that even if the drawbridge had been open it was still possible to move the merry-go-round by way of Lordship park. William B. Meyer of this city

## FIRING ON AMERICAN FLAG OVERSHADOWS BIG BATTLES

## INQUIRY STARTED INTO FIRING UPON AMERICAN VESSEL

Washington, Nov. 18.—Captain Decker, of the cruiser Tennessee, reported to Secretary Daniels, early today that, while proceeding from Vourlah to Smyrna to make an official call he was fired upon.

Captain Decker's report, confirming last night's news despatches, which officials heard and believed were inaccurate, left them today in a state of uneasiness. Every effort is being made to get more complete reports of the incident from the Tennessee's commander. His report does not say whether the Tennessee of her launch, as was reported in news despatches, had been fired upon.

Aside from being considered as a hostile act, the firing may be explained in various ways. The first report said the cruiser's launch had been turned by three shots from the fort as it was entering the harbor of Smyrna. Officials say the launch may have been entering during prohibited hours or the forts may have taken action against mine fields in the harbor.

There has been considerable uneasiness about the Tennessee and also about the North Carolina, her sister ship, since they went to Turkish waters 48 hours after the interests of Americans at the end of their voyage to the European continent with gold for stranded tourists.

Further than calling for inquiries from other American officials in the vicinity it appeared that Washington was awaiting further reports from the Tennessee herself before proceeding. It became known also that England and France were asking their commanders to seek asylum in that quarter.

The theory of officials here is that Captain Decker had been ashore at Smyrna to pay his respects to Consul General Horton and that the consul, who had returned the visit, was being taken back to Smyrna when the launch was fired upon. It was pointed out that in making a visit to Smyrna, the ordinary procedure for the Tennessee would be to anchor outside the harbor and send a launch ashore. Another view is that the firing may not have been intended as an unfriendly act but merely as a warning that the port was closed. That is said to be a usual form of notifying a foreign vessel that a port is closed when other notification has not been made. Vourlah is about 10 miles from Smyrna. The cruiser North Carolina is at Beirut on the coast of Asia Minor about 500 miles away.

Secretary Daniels immediately notified Acting Secretary Lansing of the firing and that official immediately called upon Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople to make a complete investigation. Communication, however, between Constantinople and the United States is very slow. The latest message from Mr. Morgenthau received yesterday was dated November 12. It made no mention of any disturbances.

As Captain Decker's report mentioned the fact that anxiety had been felt for the safety of the American consulate at Smyrna, the opinion was expressed by some quarters that the launch might have been taking a guard from the Tennessee to protect the consulate and such Americans and other foreigners who would naturally seek asylum in that quarter.

## OFFICIAL REPORTS ON THE WAR

### AUSTRIAN

Berlin, Nov. 18.—Via "The Hague and London—An official war bulletin from Vienna, given out in Berlin today, sets forth that the operations on the eastern front are progressing favorably. The Germans apparently are using their victory at Wloclawek to the greatest advantage. The Russian army defeated near Lipsa are today probably in the vicinity of Flock and the forces formerly near Wloclawek are now near Cuno and Leschytso.

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### FRENCH

Paris, Nov. 18.—The French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon, says yesterday saw numerous artillery duels and infantry attacks, all of which were repulsed.

The communication says: "The day of yesterday, Nov. 17, passed much as did the day before. There were numerous artillery exchanges and some isolated attacks on the part of the enemy's infantry all of which were repulsed. From the North Sea to the Vos the front was subjected to mainly active bombardment, particularly at Neuport and to the east and to the south of Ypres.

"Near Bixchoote, the Zouaves, charging with the bayonet, brilliantly took possession of a forest which had been disputed for three days. The bombardment of Rheims has continued. In the region of St. Mihiel, in spite of heavy attacks by the Germans we have retained in our possession the western part of the villages of Chauvencourt."

### GERMAN

Berlin, Nov. 18.—An official communication issued today by the German general headquarters says:

"Fighting in West Flanders continues and the situation on the whole remains unchanged.

"In the forest of Argonne our attacks continue to succeed. A French sortie to the south of Verdun was repulsed.

"The enemy has been forced to retreat in the direction of Meuse. Upon the extreme western wing a strong Russian cavalry force which we defeated on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 has been driven back through Tilkien."

## Whole World Is Startled When Forts at Smyrna Open Fire As Captain of U. S. S. Tennessee Enters Port—Germans Lose Heavily in Fighting in Alsace.

All Armies Concentrate to Bring Decisive Action Along Two Great Battle Lines—Belgium Sees Another Terrible Assault Begun By Germans in Channel Campaign.

The American flag has been fired upon by Turkey. A report to the navy department at Washington today from Captain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee gave official confirmation to earlier despatches from Athens and the Greek Island of Chios, in the Aegean sea, to the effect that Turkish gunners at Smyrna had opened fire when the Tennessee was approaching that port.

On the battle fields of Europe there were few changes of strategic importance.

The fighting in Alsace, which has been virtually a separate campaign, and concerning which little has been heard, is said by the French to have told heavily upon the German forces. The landwehr, composed of older Germans, has been used in this district. The French war office announces that the landwehr battalions have been withdrawn as they had lost one half of their effective strength.

On the two main battle fronts—from the Belgian seacoast to the Swiss border and along the eastern boundary of Germany—renewed efforts were being made to bring about a decided turn in the progress of the war.

The situation in Eastern Prussia presented, apparently, the greatest opportunities for a quick and important change although Russian and German statements were still in sharp conflict. The German war office announced officially today that the operations against the Russians were "proceeding favorably." The latest statement from Petrograd, however, asserts that the Germans were retreating along the whole East Prussian front.

New Attack in Belgium

In Belgium, the unwavering Germans have begun another of their fearful onslaughts in a region which is becoming more and more restricted as the allies have succeeded in flooding a further area. A new bombardment of Belgian coast towns by British warships is said to have inflicted heavy damage on the German possessions and to have destroyed large quantities of ammunition and stores.

The American cruiser Tennessee, whose commander was reported last night to have threatened to enter the port of Vourlah by force after a launch of the warship was fired on by the Turks, has been sent from the scene on orders from the American ambassador, Henry Morgenthau. She has arrived at the island of Chios.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

State Fair with continued cold tonight followed by increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature Thursday.

### General

The cold wave has continued its eastward movement and is now causing low temperatures along the coast of Maine to Florida. Frosts were reported as far south as New Orleans, La., and Pensacola, Fla.

There has been a decided rise in temperature during the last 24 hours between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi. The slight disturbance which was central over Montana yesterday morning has developed into a well defined area of low barometric pressure which is now central over Minnesota. It is causing unsettled weather with local snow in the upper Mississippi valley and the western portion of the lake region.

### Automobile Lights

Drivers should light their lamps at 5 tonight.

### Almanac

Sun rises tomorrow 6:47 a. m.  
Sun sets today 4:30 p. m.  
High water 11:35 p. m.  
Moon sets 5:01 p. m.  
Low water 4:55 a. m.